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Black water irrigation of low-lying lands in East Godavari deltas.

* 533 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to black water irrigation of low-lying lands before 15th June in East Godavari delta—

(*a*) whether the concession rates apply to lands lying in low level villages or to low-lying lands in all villages;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that uniform interpretation is not being given by all officers in the matter and penalty is being levied promiscuously; and

(*c*) whether the Government maintain separate lists of villages which are entitled to this concession or separate lists of lands which are entitled to this concession in either case?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Observance of the rule regarding joint inspection in cases of breach irrigation.

* 534 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the case of breach and irregular irrigation, the rules provide for the joint inspection before the levy of penal rate;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the rule regarding joint inspection is not being observed in practice; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to issue a circular to the effect that the same may be observed in future before levy of penal rate?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member will find the rules on the subject at page 28 of the Board's Standing Orders, Volume II. There is no reference in these rules to joint inspection.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the joint inspection is to be made by the Tahsildar and the Public Works Department officer?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I find nothing to that effect in the rules, Sir."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know whether the Government make a distinction between water taken purposely by ryots and water that flows of its own accord into the fields?"

The hon. Sir. Norman Marjoribanks:—"Whether the water flows of its own accord or not is a matter of opinion"

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that whole ayacuts under certain sluices are sometimes subjected to punishment for the mistake committed by one individual ryot?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"If the hon. Member will give me an example, Sir, we can enquire into the case"

Mr Abdul Hamid Khan:—"Sir, in view of the fact that we have 40 minutes more of question time, will you kindly allow us to put a few more supplementary questions on the question regarding the reorganization of the Madras city police?"